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TTB PROPOSES ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO NEW VITICULTURAL AREAS

Washington, D.C. – The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) issued two notices of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register proposing to establish new viticultural areas in California and Washington.

The proposed viticultural areas are the "San Antonio Valley" in southwest Monterey County, California (Notice No. 45), within the existing Central Coast viticultural area, and the proposed 81,000 acre "Wahluke Slope" viticultural area in Grant County, in eastern Washington State (Notice No. 46), within the established Columbia Valley viticultural area.

Written comments on these proposed additions to our regulations must be received by July 18, 2005. Please note the notice number you are commenting on in your correspondence.

You may send comments to any of the following addresses:

- Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, P.O. Box 14412, Washington, DC 20044-4412.
- 202-927-8525 (facsimile).
- nprm@ttb.gov (e-mail).
- http://www.ttb.gov/alcohol/rules/index.htm. An online comment form is posted with this notice on our Web site.
- http://www.regulations.gov (Federal e-rulemaking portal; follow instructions for submitting comments).

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